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ENCODING THEM AND METHODS FOR
MAKING AND USING THEM

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 21, 2009 ("the OA"). Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of remarks set forth herein. A response to the OA was initially due April 21, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15, of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal;
- Fee Transmittal; and
- Request for Continued Examination.